

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF YORK
YORKTOWN, VIRGINIA

Resolution

At a regular meeting of the York County Board of Supervisors held in the Board Room, York Hall, Yorktown, Virginia, on the ____ day of ____, 2005:

Present

Vote

James S. Burgett, Chairman
Walter C. Zaremba, Vice Chairman
Sheila S. Noll
Kenneth L. Bowman
Thomas G. Shepperd, Jr

On motion of _____, which carried ____, the following resolution was adopted:

A RESOLUTION TO COMMEND THE 2004-2005 YORK COUNTY YOUTH COMMISSION AND TO EXPRESS THE APPRECIATION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO EACH INDIVIDUAL MEMBER FOR THEIR DEDICATED SERVICE TO YORK COUNTY

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors established the York County Youth Commission in 1983; and

WHEREAS, the following youth,

Christopher Rhodes, Chairman
Banu Myneni, Vice Chairman
Aagya Mathur, Secretary
Benjamin Abel
Kristen Ashby
Peter Brownlee Bakkum
Benjamin Frisch
Harut Gyurjyan
Prateesh Maheshwari
Jonathan Noel
Caitlyn O'Hara
Stephanie Richardson
Jennifer Rosso
Sarah Trimble
Monique Washington

have served with distinction on the 2004-2005 York County Youth Commission; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors is extremely pleased with the worthwhile activities undertaken by the Youth Commission this past year and wishes to publicly recognize the members for their accomplishments, which include:

Preparing for the year by attending training and teambuilding sessions during a two-day orientation period last August;

Presenting quarterly activity reports to the Board of Supervisors and praying the invocation at these meetings, and also assisting at certain County functions, such as distributing American flags and programs during the 2004 Yorktown Day Celebration and assisting at the annual York County Tree Lighting Ceremony by handing out programs and luminaries;

Co-sponsoring the County's fifth annual "Youth Week" event focusing on character development and featuring a nationally known youth speaker who spoke to high school students in assemblies throughout the week;

Continuing to provide important communication opportunities between the county's youth and some of its elected officials by hosting the second ever "Town Hall Meetings" in each of the County's public high schools, held for the first time during Youth Week and featuring members of the Board of Supervisors and School Board meeting together with high school students, presenting information about local government and current items of interest, listening to youth suggestions and concerns, discussing youth related issues, and answering student questions;

Partnering for the first time with high school SCAs as well as Community Service's Special Programs Division in a collaborative effort to sell 'Tsunami Relief' wrist bands in the high schools that helped raise over \$1,300, and was combined with approximately \$1,500 raised from other student organizations and projects and sent to two international relief agencies to bring assistance to people recovering from the disaster of December 2004;

Preparing for the Youth Commission's triennial countywide high school opinion survey to be conducted in the fall of 2005 by receiving training in survey design from an experienced staff person, thoroughly reviewing and updating questions from the Commission's "Survey 2002" document, and meeting with graduate student volunteers from the College of William and Mary's Thomas Jefferson Program in Public Policy to receive their critique, and discuss and incorporate their suggestions;

Helping Parks and Recreation to publicize the fifth annual countywide high school ski trip to Wintergreen Ski Resort, which enjoyed its largest

contingent ever as almost 130 students registered and traveled on three charter buses to enjoy the day, and later co-hosting a Valentine's Party with Parks and Recreation at the Senior Center of York, providing enjoyable fun, prizes, and refreshments for all;

Assisting the Historical Committee in its reception welcoming the 2005 exchange students from the county's sister city of Zweibrucken, Germany;

Conducting road cleanups along Goodwin Neck Road as part of VDOT's "Adopt-a-Highway" program;

Assisting the 2025 Comprehensive Plan Review Committee in receiving a youth perspective by sending a youth commissioner to some of the committee meetings, assigning commissioners to attend several of the committee's Neighborhood Open Houses last fall, having all commissioners personally fill out the Committee's online survey, and drafting a summary of those items that the Youth Commission as a whole considers most important for the Committee to consider;

Discussing and crafting a streamlined "Statement of Purpose" that summarizes the Youth Commission's mission and is featured on its Web site;

Co-sponsoring the return of this school year's Youth Week speaker to come and address eighth grade students at each of the County's middle schools in May;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the York County Board of Supervisors on this the ____ day of _____, 2005, that the 2004-2005 York County Youth Commission members be, and they hereby are, congratulated for their dedicated service to York County and commended for an outstanding year;

BE IT STILL FURTHER RESOLVED that the York County Board of Supervisors hereby extends its best wishes for continued success to these leaders of today and tomorrow.